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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN PURCHASE OF WEST GERMAN SUBMARINES

REFS: (A) STATE 107980; (B) STATE 92362; (C) BONN 6719

1. ON MAY 3 WE PRESENTED THE FOREIGN OFFICE (ACTING DIRECTOR FOR THE ANDEAN STATES AND MIDDLE AMERICA, VON KESSEL) WITH A NON-PAPER BASED ON THE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTELS A AND B. VON KESSEL TOOK THE PAPER WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT.
2. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE MAINLY ONE OF PERU'S OWN PERCEPTION OF ITS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND HOW BEST TO REMEDY THEM. THIS WOULD BE FOR PERU HERSELF TO DECIDE. IF, IN FACT, SHE CHOSE TO BUY ARMS IN SPITE OF THESE DIFFICULTIES, IT SEEMED TO BE IN WESTERN INTERESTS FOR HER SUPPLIER TO BE FROM THE WEST, RATHER THAN FROM THE SOVIET UNION.
3. HE ASKED IF WE EXPECTED AN ANSWER TO OUR NOTE. WE REPLIED THAT THE PURPOSE OF OUR NON-PAPER WAS
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SIMPLY TO KEEP HIM INFORMED, BUT THAT WE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TRANSMIT ANY RESPONSE THE FRG MIGHT WISH TO MAKE.

4. COMMENT: THE MEETING WAS LOW KEY AND VON KESSEL'S REACTION WAS THOUGHTFUL AND CALM. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM HIS REMARKS THAT

HE HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF OUR APPROACHES TO THE
PERUVIANS.
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